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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	
<u>In re application of:</u> P. Bhagwat	<u>Filed:</u> 01/29/1999
	<u>Examiner:</u> P. B. Nguyen
<u>Serial No.</u> 09/240,374	<u>Group Art Unit:</u> 2663
<u>Title:</u> Improving Performance of Intermediate Nodes With Flow Splicing	<u>Docket #:</u> YOR919990014US1

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of 07/02/2002, please amend the above identified application as follows: